

VEGETABLES

**FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES: Acres Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value
South Carolina, 2008-09, and August 1, 2010**

Fresh Market Vegetables	2008	2009	Ind. 2010	2008	2009	Ind.2010
	Acres Planted (000)			Acres Harvested (000)		
Cantaloups	1.2	1.3	--	1.1	1.2	1.5
Cucumbers	1.8	1.8	--	1.6	1.7	1.2
Tomatoes	2.6	2.0	--	2.5	1.9	1.8
Watermelons	7.5	7.5	--	6.5	6.5	7.5
	Yield per Acre (Cwt.)			Production (Thou. Cwt.)		
Cantaloups	215	250	--	237	300	--
Cucumbers	210	230	--	336	391	--
Tomatoes	195	175	--	488	333	--
Watermelons	215	230	--	1,398	1,495	--
	Avg. Price per Cwt. (Dollars)			Total Value (Thou. Dollars) 1/		
	2008	2009		2008	2009	
Cantaloups	16.00	20.00		3,792	6,000	
Cucumbers	20.00	18.00		6,720	7,038	
Tomatoes	65.00	48.00		31,720	15,984	
Watermelons	10.80	9.00		15,098	13,455	

1/ Does not include allowance for CCC loans, outstanding purchases by the government, or deficiency payments.



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COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States July, 2010

Selected States	July 2008	June 2009	July 2009	July 2010 as % of 2009
	Million Pounds			Percent
Florida	9.1	9.3	9.5	105
Georgia	11.2	9.8	9.5	85
Kansas	476.4	483.9	465.6	98
Nebraska	624.4	620.5	600.4	96
North Carolina	202.5	198.1	182.3	90
SOUTH CAROLINA	18.8	19.7	19.5	104
Texas	442.1	455.1	434.5	98
UNITED STATES	4,124.5	4,177.0	3,956.4	96

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, July, 2010 1/

Class	July 2009	June 2010	July 2010	July 2010 as % of	
				July 2009	June 2010
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,271.2	2,320.7	2,230.4	98	96
Veal	10.9	10.8	10.9	101	102
Pork	1,828.5	1,831.5	1,702.3	93	93
Lamb and Mutton	13.9	14.1	12.8	91	89
Total Red Meat 2/	4,124.5	4,177.0	3,956.4	96	95

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

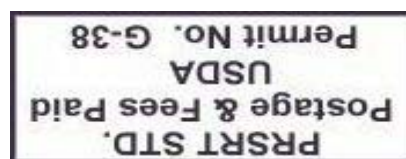
The Preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during July 2010 was 4.71 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 4.84 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.04 billion pounds, down 2 percent from July 2009.

Mature chickens, at 71.7 million pounds, were down 5 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during July 2010 averaged 5.57 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from July 2009.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, July, 2010

Selected States	Number Slaughtered	Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified 1/	Post-Mortem Condemnations	
					Carcass and Parts	Percent 2/
	Thou.	Thou. Lbs	Pounds	Thou. Lbs	Percent	
Alabama	90,960	498,286	5.48	369,892	2,571	0.69
Georgia	101,034	519,951	5.15	393,773	2,449	0.62
North Carolina	55,187	371,917	6.74	289,630	2,617	0.90
South Carolina	24,776	153,613	6.20	115,564	851	0.73
United States	725,949	4,044,939	5.57	3,025,544	22,595	0.74

1/ Ready-to-cook weights. 2/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.



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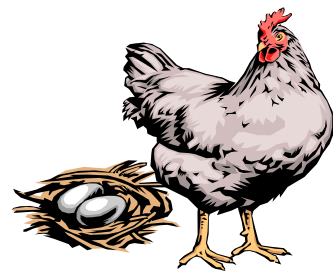
EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 88 million eggs during July, down 5 percent from last year. Production totaled 66 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,180,000 birds, down 4 percent from 4,333,000 a year ago. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,105 eggs, compared with 2,146 in 2009.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.69 billion during July 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.58 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 72 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2010 averaged 339 million, up 2 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,270 eggs, down slightly from July 2009.

Average Layers and Egg Production Selected States and United States

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,715	188	1,935
Florida	9,322	211	2,263
Georgia	16,639	356	2,140
North Carolina	13,505	281	2,081
South Carolina	4,180	88	2,105
United States	338,650	7,688	2,270



BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of July, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 21.8 million chicks, up 10 percent from last year's 19.7 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2010 totaled 801 million, up 2 percent from July 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 649 million on August 1, 2010, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Type South Carolina and U.S., July 2010

Flock Type and Area	July 2010	January - July
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	21,800	142,386
United States	800,860	5,414,970
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	38,053	295,319



MUSHROOMS

Sales of the 2009-2010 United States mushroom crop are 793 million pounds, down 3 percent from the 2008-09 season. Value of sales for the 2009-10 U.S. mushroom crop is \$925 million, down 4 percent from the previous season. The number of growers, at 312, is up 23 from last season. The average price is \$1.17 per pound, unchanged from 2008-09.

Volume of sales reported by growers of Agaricus mushrooms for fresh market is 671 million pounds, down 1 percent from the 2008-2009 season. Volume of sales of Agaricus mushrooms for processing is 107 million pounds, down 13 percent from the last season. Value of sales for all Agaricus mushrooms totaled \$886 million, down 3 percent from the previous year.

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in 2009-10 is \$39 million, down 19 percent from the 2008-09 season. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$2.56, is down 48 cents from the previous season.

Agarius and Specialty Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Volume of Sales, Price, and Value of Sales, July, 2008- June 30, 2010

Year	Growers 1/	All Sales		
		Volume of Sales	Price per Pound 2/	Value of Sales
	Number	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
2008-09	289	819,775	1.170	958,896
2009-10	312	793,192	1.170	924,860

1/ Number of growers counted once if growing both Agaricus and specialty mushrooms. 2/ Prices for mushrooms are the average prices producers receive at the point of first sale, commonly referred to as the average price as sold.

COTTON GINNINGS

GINNINGS: As of August 1, Crop Years 2008-2010 By Crop, State and United States

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2008	2009	2010
All Cotton			
Texas	13,050	5,150	(1)
United States	13,050	5,150	(1)

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

CROP PRODUCTION

CROPS: Planted and Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, SOUTH CAROLINA and U. S., as of September 1, 2010

Crop	Planted Acres (000)		Harvested Acres (000)		Yield per Harvested Acres		Total Production (000)	
	2009	Indicated 2010	2009	Indicated 2010	2009	Indicated 2010	2009	Indicated 2010
SOUTH CAROLINA								
Corn for Grain	335	350	320	330	111.0	99.0	35,520	32,670
Cotton, Upland.....	115.0	202.0	114.0	200.0	872	816	207.0	340.0
Hay, All	--	--	350	360	2.40	--	840	--
Oats	30	30	15	15	55.0	--	825	--
Peanuts for Nuts	50.0	68.0	48.0	65.0	3,100	3,300	148,800	214,500
Sorghum for Grain 1/.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans for Beans	590	510	565	495	24.5	27.5	13,843	13,613
Tobacco, Flue-Cured	--	--	18.5	16.0	2,100	2,100	38,850	33,600
Tobacco, All	--	--	354.2	331.1	2,322	2,193	822,567	726,253
Wheat, Winter	165	140	150	130	47.0	38.0	7,050	4,940
UNITED STATES								
Corn for Grain 1/.....	86,482	87,872	79,590	81,005	164.7	162.5	13,110,062	13,159,700
Cotton, Upland	9,008.1	10,829.0	7,390.5	10,566.0	766	833	11,787.6	18,343.0
Hay, All	--	--	59,755	59,656	2.47	2.58	147,442	153,894
Oats	3,404	3,176	1,379	1,315	67.5	66.3	93,081	87,239
Peanuts for Nuts	1,116.0	1,290.0	1,081.0	1,261.0	3,412	3,242	3,688,350	4,088,100
Sorghum for Grain 1/.....	6,633	6,000	5,520	5,176	69.4	72.7	382,983	376,469
Soybeans for Beans	77,451	78,868	76,372	77,986	44.0	44.7	3,359,011	3,482,899
Tobacco, Flue-Cured	--	--	224.0	211.1	2,346	2,216	525,400	467,775
Tobacco, All	--	--	354.2	331.1	2,322	2,193	822,567	726,253
Wheat, Winter	43,311	37,723	34,485	32,085	44.2	47.5	1,522,718	1,522,902

FARM LABOR

There were 1,244,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 11-17, 2010, down 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 894,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural services employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 350,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.82 per hour during the July 2010 reference week, up 16 cents from a year earlier.

Field workers received an average of \$10.12 per hour, up 8 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$10.19 per hour compared with \$10.05 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.14 per hour, was up 10 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Employment, Hours Worked and Wage Rates, Southeast, July 11-17, 2010 1/

Farm Employment	July 12-18, 2009	April 11-17, 2010	July 11-17, 2010
FARM WORKERS:			
	Thousand		
Expected to be Employed:			
150 Days or More.....	609	585	634
149 Days or Less	266	152	260
Total	875	737	894
HOURS WORKED:			
	Hours per Week		
Hired Workers.....	39.7	39.8	41.0
WAGE RATES:			
	Dollars per Hour		
All Hired Workers 1/2.....	10.66	10.82	10.82
Type of Worker:			
Field & Livestock Combined	10.04	10.12	10.14
Field	10.04	10.04	10.12
Livestock	10.05	10.30	10.19

1/Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 2/ Excludes agricultural service workers.